GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have laid emphasis on single window system for increasing investment in mine sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said system is likely to start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c) From time to time suggestions are made to the Government for formulating single window system for increasing investment in mining sector. The mineral concessions are granted by the State Governments under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR Act) and rules framed thereunder. The investors are required to take other clearances for working the mineral concessions granted, for example: permission for aerial surveys from the Director General of Civil Aviation, clearances under various statutes administered by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, etc. Since the clearances are granted under different statutes, the Government has laid emphasis on the State Governments/various Departments to work in coordination, so that investors could be benefited. The Department of Mines has sensitisedthe State Governments and various Central Ministries/Departments on the need to work in coordination through meetings of the Mineral Advisory Council (MAC) held on 30.8.2000, the Conference of the State Ministers of Mining and Geology held on 14.7.2001 and the Tripartite meeting of the Central Government, State Governments and the investors held on 12.11.2001.